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HELLO again. After our exit this week from the Milk Cup, I am reminded of the old saying that every cloud has a silver lining. In our case, the good thing to come out of the game was the performance of our four teenagers, David Glenn, David Lowe, John Butler and Stephen Walsh. Considering the inexperience of young Lowe and Walsh I think they performed tremendously. In these times of financial hardship, it is essential that clubs produce their own, home-grown players, and I am very pleased that we are doing just that. Great credit must go to Harry McNally and David Crompton for all the hard work which they have put in with the

youngsters which is certainly paying dividends.

To come away from Maine Road the losers by 2-0 is certainly no disgrace, but now we have to get back to the bread-and-butter issue of the Third Division. It has certainly been an up-and-down season for us with three defeats being followed by three wins and then three more defeats bringing us up to date. We certainly seem to have lost our way, but talk of panic and alarm bells are rather premature.

We are still within easy striking distance of the top three clubs and, with the three points for a win rule, we could soon be up there. Today's game against an excellent Newport side gives us an opportunity to put things right and if we can play with the commitment we showed on Wednesday, we will not go far wrong.

My back injury seems to be getting no better and I think that Stephen Walsh will be wearing the Number 5 shirt for some time. I hope that today you will give him and the other youngsters the kind of verbal support that is so important to their performance.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

THE financial plight of soccer has never been more fully illustrated than in the last few weeks. Clubs throughout the game scream poverty in a variety of different ways.

How are the mighty fallen. One thing big spenders Manchester City who, it is rumoured, are still paying for Bert Trautmann, threatened to bring in coach John Ryan for the derby game with United last week and Ryan is 35.

Happily, such drastic measures were not needed and City did well without him but in the Third Division one club hasn't been so lucky.

Bournemouth were forced to play their coach, former West Ham star Harry Redknapp against Manchester United in the Milk Cup recently and they were even threatening to bring manager David Webb out of retirement for the Second Leg in midweek.

However Bournemouth's injury crisis subsided and Webb wasn't needed, but

he still found time to blast the set-up at Dean Court where he has assembled a full team of virtual free transfer players.

And the story is the same at other clubs as managers are forced to sling in either untried youngsters or bring players out of "retirement." After the feast comes the famine as the saying goes.

One club who don't seem to have such problems are Portsmouth. They have spent well over £200,000 on players so far this season and the appearance of striker Trevor Senior, ironically against Bournemouth, cost them a further £7,500.

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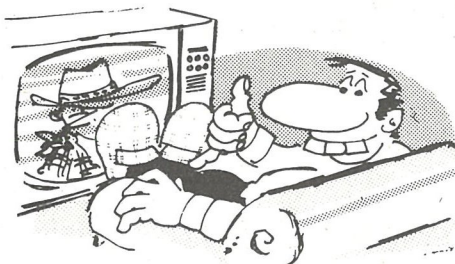
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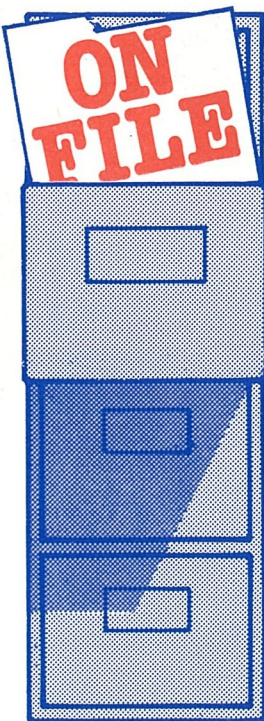
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I DID not realise what I was starting when I began discussing the problems of football in this column two programmes ago. I have received various telephone messages and letters either agreeing or disagreeing with my points, but perhaps the most interesting was from a Mr. Leo Thomas of Bolton and I am reproducing his letter here as another contribution to the great debate.

He writes, "Dear Mr. Burke, I had just read your programme article in Springfield Scene the other night when T.V. Eye came on the T.V. In this, Chairmen of various top clubs were going on about how they have to spend all their time looking after the smaller clubs, sharing T.V. and gate money with them and how, if the little clubs could be conveniently dumped somewhere, the Big Boys would prosper. I think this is a most unfair assessment of the situation and would claim that it is the big clubs who have caused all the problems for the small ones and I will tell you why. The super clubs of the League have inflicted upon the smaller ones two things that have caused the minnows suffering and financial hardship. The first is hooliganism. Whilst I know that hooligans are just mobs looking for something to happen it was at the large clubs that, in recent years, they made their appearance. As a result of their appearance at big grounds, they set an example to small town hooligans who then decided to follow the lead and head for their nearest soccer club for a punch up. What happened?

Whereas the Old Traffords and Anfields

of this world can cope with the thugs, at smaller grounds, despite their smaller number, their effect could not as easily be isolated due to the more open nature of the ground. The results of this import from Division One have been falling gates (partly due to the thugs) and rising police bills. I believe that last year at Latics you had to spend nearly £13,000 on police and took only £16,000 on season tickets — and we all know for what section of supporters police need to be employed.

The second fine example set to the little 'uns by the big 'uns is players wages. These, whether we like it or not, now constitute the largest item of expenditure by far in any club and it was the First Division lads who set the pace. Whatever the players at the top get is bound to be proportioned down to the players at the bottom and thus, when Liverpool and United started paying daft wages it became inevitable that proportionally daft wages would filter down to the bottom, so that even Northern Premier League players expect to net £50 a week these days.

So next time we see any Super-League Chairman try and blame the Lincolns and the Latics of this world for the problems of the Liverpools and Arsenals, someone should tell them that the diseases of hooliganism and high wages which they contracted in the First Division were highly contagious and everybody was soon afflicted.

Sincerely, Leo Thomas".

Strong words indeed Mr. Thomas. Anybody else like to have their say?

Cheers, Colin Burke.



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Our appeal for agents still remains open and following the survey, we are now in a position to advise new agents as to areas not already covered. Anyone who is prepared to help Wigan Athletic in this way can contact me on Wigan 43067 and I will be prepared to

answer any questions and explain to them about our agents incentive schemes.

May I take the opportunity of thanking the few people who have walked into the office with donations recently, particularly to the gentleman who walked in with £5.00 and refused to give his name. If any supporters wish to support the club in this way, when making the donation it would be helpful if they left their name and address as there could be some interesting news for them in the New Year.

Finally, in an effort to recruit more lottery agents I am forming a team of Canvassers who will be calling at houses in your area. Please give them a sympathetic hearing and, perhaps if you cannot be an agent you could buy tickets on a weekly basis.

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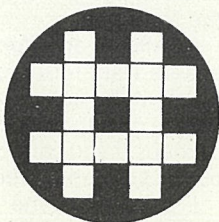
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 9

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Recent England skipper; Moran, maybe;
--- Thomas, referee; Full of fouls

CLUB CLUE No. 9

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club

Cricket is obviously **not** their game!

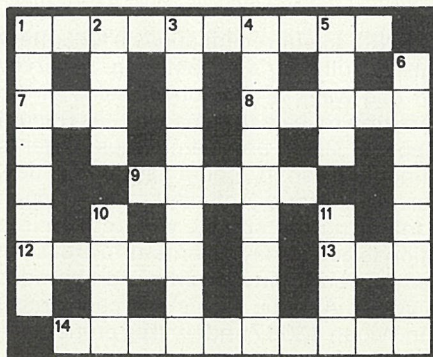
MIXED DOUBLES No. 9

Re-order the letters in each of the words

WILES and WIRE to find the names of two men called Alan.

QUICK QUIZ No. 9

1. The first televised League match to be shown live involved which 1960 fixture?
2. Prior to Glenn Hoddle in 1982, who scored a penalty in an FA Cup final?
3. Who recovered from a recent skull fracture to star in the 1982 World Cup finals... until injured again?
4. Which Football League ground has the shortest name?
5. Ignoring the word United, which club has a name of ten letters, all different?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 9 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Defender who kicked off his career with Chelsea and who was still there when this season kicked off (4,6)
7. Score (3)
8. Defender (sharing a first name with 1 across) who began with Boro in the 1960s but spent the bulk of his career with Brentford in the 1970s (5)
9. One of Sunderland's colours (5)
12. Country seen in action in the World Cup finals in West Germany (5)
13. Where one of the clubs in a cup-tie goes! (3)
14. Where the NASL's Diplomats were (10)

DOWN

1. He helped Villa collect the European Cup (8)
2. Bristol-born Phil, who set out with Rovers, sounds like a high-flying keeper! (4)
3. Former League club (now an Alliance Premier side) which went out when Leicester came in (9)
4. The second of Manchester City's two successive Footballers of the Year (9)
5. Sheffield screechers (4)
6. Celtic hold the record for being so in most consecutive British League matches (8)
10. Soccer body founded in 1904 (1,1,1,1)
11. "It may be square, round, half-round or elliptical... other shapes are not permitted" (Law 1) (4)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW

BY GEOFF KEMP



IT was an up-and-down weekend for Wigan Amateur League clubs in the first round of the LFA Shield.

Eight Amateur League teams featured in the games on Saturday, and half have passed safely through to the next round.

One of the casualties was current Premier Division Champions and high-fliers Bethel, who went down 2-1 to Grasmere United in a close game which was only decided in the final few minutes. Other local teams knocked out were Almond Brook, Newburgh Utd. and Beech Hill.

Even for the teams who did get through it was not an easy Saturday. The notable exception was Aspull SC who crushed Oakwood FC 5-0 with goals from Bailey (two penalties), Birchall (2) and O'Neil. Wigan Youth had a tough tangle with Little Lever while extra time was needed to separate Hindley Town from Bolton Lads' Club and Ince PC from Brightmet Utd.

In Hindley Town's game the local lads found themselves trailing by a goal at half-time, but pulled level with a penalty from D. Cunliffe early in the second half. They then went ahead after a magnificent goal from Jones and seemed to have the game won until a goal in the last few minutes from the Bolton side took the match to extra-time. D. Davies scored the winner to take Hindley

through.

Ince also led in their game, but squandered numerous chances and then let in the goal which meant they had to face extra-time as well. A twice-taken penalty from Wallace finally took them into the next round.

Back in the Amateur League, in a depleted programme because of the Lancashire Football Association Shield games, Orrell Celtic hammered Heinz 57 8-1 with P. Bowie outstanding for Orrell and scoring four goals. Strangely enough, despite the scoreline, the first half was apparently a very even affair!

An appreciable difference between the halves was also the case in a number of other Amateur League games. Whelley took a three goal lead against Goose Green but eventually lost, and in Division One Standish LGLC drew a sigh of relief at the end of a game which saw Rose Bridge OB draw back from 5-0 down to finally just lose 6-4.

In the Youth Division Birchley lost their unbeaten record — an increasingly rare commodity as the season wears on — when they went down 3-1 to Poolstock Youth. Poolstock set a hectic pace and led 3-0 and although the home side pulled one back ten minutes from time their unbeaten record was by that time too far away to be recovered.

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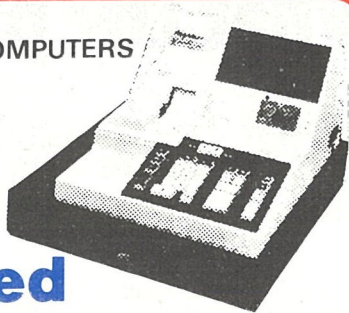
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SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 9 - Across 1. Mike Nutton, 7. net, 8. Allen, 9. white, 12. Haiti, 13. out, 14. Washington. Down: 1. McNaught, 2. Kite, 3. Northwich, 4. Trautmann (1956), 5. Owls, 6. unbeaten (62), 10. FIFA, 11. post. ON THE BALL No. 9 - Mills, Steve, Clive, dirty. CLUB CLUE No. 9 - Grasshoppers (Zurich). MIXED DOUBLES No. 9 - Lewis, Weir. QUICK QUIZ No. 9 - 1. Blackpool v. Bolton, 2. Kevin Reeves (1981) 3. Giancarlo Antognoni, 4. The Den (Millwall), 5. Scunthorpe.

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What the papers say...

The Sunday Mirror Blast from the past

Reading 2 Wigan Athletic 1.
Wigan were given a lesson in survival by crisis club Reading.

Striker Les Bradd fired the visitors in front with a 12th minute goal when Wigan debut boy David Lowe forced Reading 'keeper Ron Fearon to drop a cross.

This could have sunk Reading's players, whose club has been up for sale for the last fortnight. Instead, they lifted their sights and blasted Wigan with a two-goal salvo in the 68th minute.

Reading's explosion started when top scorer Kerry Dixon rose above a static defence to head in Stuart Beavon's pinpoint cross for his 11th League goal of the season.

The fans, including former England striker and Wigan

director Bobby Charlton, had barely returned to their seats when Mick Doherty, who used to play for Wigan in the Northern Premier League, struck his first goal on his home debut.

Relieved Reading boss Maurice Evans said: "We lost a lot of confidence when Wigan scored and we needed a goal to get back in it. That couldn't have happened in a better way".

The News of the World

Former Wigan player Mick Doherty popped up to shock his old team at Reading yesterday.

Doherty, with Southern League Basingstoke last season and a Wigan player in their Northern Premier days, drove home a low shot past a crowd of players from 25 yards for a 68th minute winner.

Only 70 seconds earlier Kerry Dixon had risen at the far post to nod an equaliser from Stuart Beavon's floated cross and

Wigan were down and out.

Until then, with 17 year old David Lowe making an impressive League debut in attack, Wigan had called the tune from the moment when they took the lead after 11 minutes.

Wigan almost went ahead in the eighth minute when Peter Houghton crossed to John Butler, who thumped it against the crossbar.

And when, three minutes later, Houghton repeated the treatment, Ron Fearon dropped the cross under fierce pressure from young Lowe, and Les Bradd leaned back to thump the loose ball into the roof of the net.

Pat Earles should have had a couple for Reading before the break, especially when Alex Cribble's blind back pass left him with only keeper Roy Tunks to beat.

And, early in the second half, Butler could have put Wigan two up but for a grave save from Fearon.

What you say...

J. Rothwell, Ince.

One of the worst performances for some time. It was a very negative performance and looking at Reading we should have beaten them comfortably. I think the young lad, David Lowe, looked quite promising.

Roy Bentley (ex. Newcastle United and Chelsea). Secretary of Reading F.C. "With all the trouble we've been having recently, we needed the points more than you did".

John Gore, Orrell.

It was a long way to travel to see the Latics lose. We seemed to lack commitment in all departments. Once we got the early goal it was as if we reckoned that the job had been finished when really it was only just starting. But those two quick goals were real sickeners.

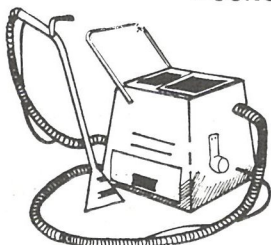
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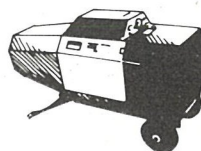


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Back Row: (from left to right) - Vaughan Jones, Mark Kendall, Karl Elsey. **Middle Row:** Colin Addis, Gwyther, Jeff Johnson (on loan to Gillingham), John Aldridge, Neil Bailey, Nigel Vaughan, Bobby Smith, Dave Williams (Trainer/Coach). **Front:** Ray Bishop (now with Torquay), Steve Lowndes, Tommy T (Capt.), Grant Davies, John Relish.

TODAY we welcome to Springfield Park — Newport County — one of three Welsh clubs now operating in the Third Division of the Football League.

Newport were formed seventy years ago in 1912, and were original members of the Third Division (South) in 1921. In 1931 they dropped out of the Football League, but were re-elected in 1932. In 1946/47, they had one season in the Second Division. In the 1979/80 Season they won the Welsh Cup and were quarter-finalists in the European Cup-Winners Cup the following season.

Their ground, known as Somerton Park, has a ground capacity of 18,000 and their pitch measures 110 yards x 75 yards.

The are nicknamed "The Ironsides".

JOHN ALDRIDGE (Forward) Born

Liverpool, he was signed in April 1979 for a small fee from Northern Premier League side South Liverpool. He made his League debut for Newport County in September 1979 and has since been a regular member of the side as well as a consistent goalscorer. Last season he was the Club's second-highest scorer with 12 League and Cup goals.

NEIL BAILEY (Midfield) Born Wigan, he was an apprentice with Burnley who released him at the end of '77/78 and he came on trial to Newport County in August 1978, signing a full contract a month later. Since then he has been a regular member of the side though he was out of action from mid-December 1981 to mid-March 1982 with a pelvic injury.

KARL ELSEY (Midfield) Born Swansea, he played for Pembroke Borough in the Welsh League before going to Queen's Park Rangers in

January 1979. team games restricted by injury the Club at the **DAVE GWYTHIR** Birmingham, he experienced problems in his League football career with his City in January Under-23 qualification, he moved to Halifax and Rotherham. Newport County in December 1979 made over 450 during his career played 35 League games for the Club and he was in the Crewe in the period of 1981. **VAUGHAN** Born Tonypre Rovers from Scotland and made his

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HER (Forward) Born
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players currently in
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he later had spells with
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'82.

JONES (Defender)
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school as an apprentice
League debut in May

1977. Since then, he has made a number of appearances for Rovers as well as gaining two Welsh Under-21 Caps, and he played in most of their matches last season. He joined Newport County on a free transfer in July 1982.

MARK KENDALL (Goalkeeper) Born Blackwood, he joined Tottenham as an apprentice from school in 1975 after winning Welsh Schools Caps. He played a number of First Division games for them after making his debut in November 1978 and he also gained a Welsh Under-21 cap. He was on loan to Chesterfield in '79/80 for a brief spell, and in September 1980 came to Newport County on loan, being signed for £45,000 in October 1980. Last season he was the only member of the side to play in every first-team game.

STEVE LOWNDES (Midfield/Forward) Born Newport, he has been with the Club since his schooldays, and turned professional in September 1977 making his debut at the end of '77/78. He has played twice for the Wales Under-21 team, and holds Newport County's record for consecutive League and Cup appearances (160 between September 1978 and April 1981). Last season he was a regular member of the side apart from the first two months of the campaign.

KEITH OAKES (Defender) Born Bedworth, he was originally with Peterborough United whom he had joined from school and he was transferred to Newport County for £15,000 in September 1978, he has been a regular choice since his arrival and missed only one match last season. In the past four seasons he has scored 30 League and Cup goals, which makes him one of the highest-scoring defenders in League football.

JOHN RELISH (Full-back) Born Huyton, he was originally with Chester where he began as an apprentice, and after a brief loan-

spell with Bury in '73/74 he joined Newport County on a free transfer in May 1974. He has since been a regular member of the team apart from a twelve month absence from December 1975 when he suffered a broken leg. Last season he appeared in 35 League and Cup games, and is now the Club's longest serving player.

KENNY STROUD (Defender/Midfield) Born London, he joined Swindon as an apprentice and signed full professional forms in March 1971. He made his first-team debut in '71/72, and for the past ten years was a regular member of the team, passing his 300th League appearance during '81/82. He joined Newport County on a free transfer on 13th August, 1982.

TOMMY TYNAN (Forward/Midfield) Born Liverpool, he started with Liverpool but made his League debut while on loan with Swansea City in 1975/76. After spells with Dallas Tornado (USA), Sheffield Wednesday and Lincoln City, he was transferred to Newport County for a £25,000 fee in February 1979. He has since been a regular member of the side, and in the last few seasons has played at various times in a midfield role though his main position is as a striker. He made 46 League and Cup appearances last year and was the Club's leading scorer with 16 goals in League and Cup.

NIGEL VAUGHAN (Midfield) Born Newport, he is a former apprentice who originally joined the Club from school in 1975, signing professional forms in June 1977 after having made his debut in '75/76. An ex-Wales Youth Cap, he played twice for the Wales Under-21 team last season, captaining the side in one game, and he was also included in the senior Wales squad for the Home Internationals match against England. He made 55 League and Cup appearances in 1981/82.

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FILM FUN

Hi! As most of you will already know Monday is Junior Latics night in the Supporters' Club and this month's meeting promises to be as fantastic as ever.

Top of the Bill we have two of Latics star players — Graham Barrow who has been missed so much since his injury and Colin Methven who must be one of the best central-defenders in the Football League. The appearance of these two great players, plus Prize Bingo, Super Games, Prizes and Competitions, as well as Cartoons and Comedies on the Giant Video Screen, mean it's going to be a great night. **Monday's meeting is sponsored by Micron Video Library. For the best in video, Gidlow Lane, Wigan.**

PICCADILLY DISCO PARTY

Monday, December 6th is going to be a great night to remember for all those who come to our Disco Party.

The evening is being organised by Piccadilly Radio along with Junior Latics and will take the form of a Christmas Disco Party with dancing, decorations, balloons, prizes, games and competitions with more prizes and lots of fun for all.

But the evening is an all ticket affair with attendance limited to just 200. When all tickets have gone that's it, so you know what to do! Come to Monday's meeting and claim your ticket, and oh! just one more thing, as well as a ticket you need to bring a toy or a tin. Let me explain, along with Piccadilly, we are this year helping them with their Charity Appeal which is a toy or tin appeal which simply means that as far as Junior Latics is concerned, you must bring along a toy in working order or a book in good condition, or a jigsaw with all its pieces or — well you've got the idea. If you can't manage that you can bring a tin, no not an empty one, a tin of fruit or salmon or hot dogs, or whatever you like, but if you don't bring either toy or tin, you can't get in!

COCA-COLA

Twelve months hard work brought its just rewards on Saturday when 13 boys reached the dizzy heights of gaining their F.A. Coca-Cola Super Skills Gold Award. The boys are Darren Walsh, Mike Gregory, Mike Jenks, John Unsworth, Craig Fillingham, Phillip Winstanley, Martin Holden, Mark Prescott, Paul Ivory, Neil Porter.

Well done boys, we are very proud of you and we are also very grateful to the coaches who taught you, John Curtis, Noel Ward, Peter Jackson, Billy Addison and Alan Mercer. Each one F.A. qualified. Many thanks from all at Junior Latics. But that's not the end, this morning we saw the beginning of our second course of the season when more boys will be trying to reach the same dizzy heights.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's mascot is Mark Mitchell, who attends St. John Fisher School. Mark's hobbies are playing football, rugby, tennis, cricket and running. His favourite players are Peter Houghton, Les Bradd, Zico Pele, Peter Lorimer, and Jackie Charlton. Have a nice day, Mark. J. Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

When David Lowe ran out wearing the No. 4 shirt for Latics at Reading last Saturday, he set a club record as the youngest player to play for us in a Football League game. On that day he was all of seventeen years and fifty three days old.

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David Glenn's game at Bristol Rovers was his fiftieth Football League appearance for the club. But he's still got a long way to go to match Roy Tunks. In the same game he notched up his 450th League appearance in a career which has seen him notch them up at Rotherham, York City, Preston North End and Wigan.

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Ex-Latics Director Eric Barnes seems to have his work cut out as new Chairman of Chester, with the club's having debts of £400,000. Undaunted, he has organised a new issue of 39,000 shares and on Tuesday last he put himself in the hot seat when an open forum was

held in the stadium lounge for people wishing to put financial and other questions. Never short of ideas for raising money, Mr. Barnes charged people 25 pence to get in!

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Stockport County had a double dose of bad luck on their recent visit to Aldershot. On the pitch they got beat and off it they got lost. Picked up by a coach from the train at Euston, the Stockport party found themselves travelling towards Southampton rather than Aldershot. By the time the London coach driver realised his mistake it was too late to make it to the hotel near Aldershot, where a pre-match meal was laid on. After the game, the defeated and hungry Stockport lads got lost once again and only just made the last train back to Manchester.

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The Draw for the First Round of the F.A. Cup is due to be made on Monday.

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Happy Birthday to Susan Dawes of 37 Severn Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, from your cousin Chris.

Happy Birthday wishes for the 9th November, to Ken Wood, Commercial Manager, Wigan Athletic A.F.C. From all the staff at Springfield Park. Ken says 'No presents by request, but donations to the club will be welcome, either handed into the office, or direct to Ken himself.

Congratulations to Stan and Kat Bozman on their Silver Wedding Anniversary for Monday next from everybody at Wigan Athletic.

Birthday greetings are due to young centre-half Stephen Walsh (eighteen next Wednesday) and Les Bradd (a good deal older next Friday), and to the Club Doctor, Maurice Reid (for next Saturday).

Christmas 1982 — Our programme for the Oxford game on 18th December will have extra space for your Xmas greetings, but make sure you get your message in by sending it in as early as possible.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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We also have vacancies on the Winter Mini-Break programme to Amsterdam and Paris. Prices starting from £59.50. For brochures and details, contact your local A.B.T.A. Travel Agent, or telephone Leigh 602015.

TODAY'S MATCH BALL SPONSOR

Today's Match Ball has been kindly sponsored by Associated Tyre Specialists, Britain's No. 1 Tyre Service, with local depots at Wigan and Standish.

For our old friend Jack Lowe, it is a reunion day with his war-time pal Stan Skuse from Newport, along with Stan's friends Mike James, Tom Llewellyn and his father Ray, to whom we all extend a very warm Wigan welcome.

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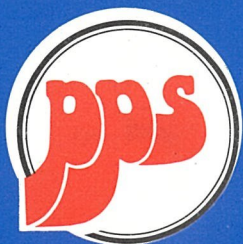


ABOVE: Larry Lloyd beats the Pompey defenders in the air.
 BELOW: Les Bradd and Larry Lloyd wait for the ball amid the Portsmouth defense.
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Larry Lloyd challenges as young Kevin Langley looks on against Southend. Photograph by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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Player Profile



ROY TUNKS

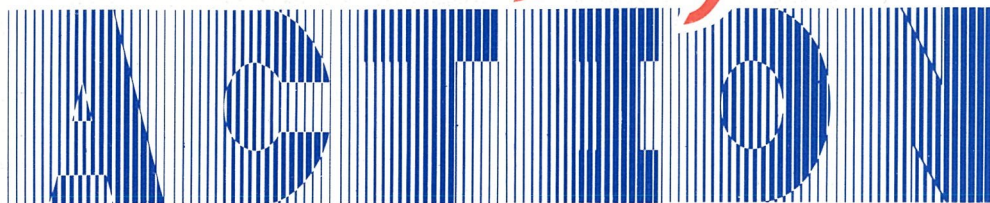
MOST professional footballers can point to incidents in their lives which had dramatic effects upon their careers, but, in the case of Roy Tunks the incident could be straight out of "Boys Own Paper". At 15 he was playing for Worthing Boys as centre-forward and he was called for trials for the County. When he turned up, however, one of the trialist goal-keepers had failed to appear and Roy was nominated to go between the posts, where he had played occasionally. He turned in a star performance and was selected to play for the Under-19 County side as well as the Under-16, and within twelve months he was an apprentice 'keeper with Rotherham ("where I was put in digs with a big lad named Les Bradd", he recalls).

It was obviously sheer luck that Roy became a goal-keeper and, as he also represented his county at Cricket, Basketball and Athletics, it is lucky he had time to be a footballer at all. Born of an army family serving in Wuppertall, West Germany, his childhood was spent moving from place to place. "It was a great life for a child", he recounts, "and living in such a disciplined community was a great influence. I see discipline, both on and off the field, as the most important aspect of a professional footballers life".

In eight years at Rotherham, Roy played 138 games, making his debut in a Second Division game at the age of 16. At the end of his spell there, and after short periods on loan with York, Ipswich Town and Newcastle, he moved to Preston under the freedom of contract rule for £7,500 ("Rotherham asked for £70,000 but I appealed to the League and after months of wrangling the price came right down"). Eight years and 277 League games later, Tommy Doherty, who had put him on professional forms at Rotherham, arrived at Deepdale and Roy guessed that it was time to go. "The Doc" is a great one for clearing out the older pro's when he gets a new club, feeling, as he does, that he wants to get the young lads into the game". And, true enough, the Doc made his available and Wigan snapped him up.

Married with two daughters, Janine and Nicola, Roy still lives in Preston. When he isn't training, playing or out with his family, he plays golf (off an eleven handicap) and the occasional game of cricket. But his main sporting love will always be football. And if it wasn't for that goalkeeper not turning up at the County trials all those years ago, who knows but that he could have been wearing Latics No. 9 shirt, rather than the goalies jersey.

Central League



The Central League has been very slow to start this year with only five matches arranged from the first day of the season until the end of October. November, however, sees it swing into more regular action with Latics due to host Second Division Derby County, Rotherham, and neighbours Bolton Wanderers, and to visit Burnley and Nottingham Forest. The dates and times are as follows:-

Tuesday, 2nd November. Burnley v. Wigan Athletic

Tuesday 9th November. Wigan Athletic v. Derby County

Tuesday, 16th November. Wigan Athletic v. Rotherham

Wednesday, 24th November. Nottingham Forest v. Wigan Athletic

Tuesday, 30th November. Wigan Athletic v. Bolton Wanderers

All 7.00 p.m. kick-offs.

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

League tables as at 13th October, 1982.

Nottingham Forest	7	6	0	1	15	2	12
Barnsley	4	3	1	0	11	3	7
Manchester City	5	3	1	1	10	8	7
Notts. County	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
Derby County	5	3	0	2	13	7	6
Bradford City	5	2	2	1	10	6	6
Rotherham United	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
Oldham Athletic	4	2	1	1	7	8	5
Sunderland	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Wigan Athletic	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Bolton Wanderers	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Burnley	4	1	1	2	2	6	3
Preston North End	3	1	0	2	10	14	2
Chesterfield	5	0	2	3	2	7	2
Port Vale	5	0	1	4	7	15	1
Middlesbrough	4	0	0	4	2	11	0

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. The committee and staff would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Newport County A.F.C. to Springfield Park. We hope you all had a pleasant journey to Wigan today.

We are in the process of organising, in conjunction with John Fillingham, a weekly Disco in the club. This will be for persons between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. Further details will be given in the next programme notes.

Last weekend we had the fabulous John Martin Sound on stage. As always, John really brought the house down. It is hoped that in the very near future we will be able to resume our Sunday night concerts with top line acts, or alternatively, Sunday disco's. We hope with your support we can once again make Sunday nights a big success.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB

Tonight, Saturday, 30th October - DAVID FRANKS

Saturday, 6th November - TONY VINCE

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AWAY

Exeter City - 3rd November. Adults £10.90 Children £7.30

Orient - 6th November. Adults £8.00 Children 5.30

MANCHESTER CITY

Our Social Evening at the City club was a great success, thanks to Graham Pye on organising a very good trip. We hope Graham may be able to do the same later in the season.

Call in for a pint after the match. Your club needs your support.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1,2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Butler	Bradd	Williams	Rogers	Walsh
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Butler	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd ²	Houghton	Gemmill	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2 1 leg)	H	1-1*	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe ²	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Butler	Gemmill	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Methven	Lloyd†	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowet	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H														
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A														
Nov. 6	Orient	A														
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H														
Nov. 20	(F.A. Cup 1st Round)	A														
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A														
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H														
Dec. 11	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)	H														
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H														
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														

* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

As at Sunday, 24th October, 1982.

	Home							Away						A Pts.
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Lincoln City	12	6	0	0	20	3	3	0	3	5	6	27		
Bristol Rovers	12	5	0	1	17	4	2	2	2	12	10	23		
Gillingham	12	5	0	1	11	2	2	1	3	6	6	22		
Oxford United	12	3	3	0	14	7	3	1	2	7	7	22		
Newport County	12	4	2	0	9	4	2	2	2	9	8	22		
Cardiff City	12	5	0	1	10	4	2	1	3	9	14	22		
Portsmouth	12	4	0	2	13	6	2	3	1	7	7	21		
Brentford	12	5	1	0	18	6	0	4	2	13	15	20		
Bradford City	12	5	1	0	14	5	1	1	4	5	12	20		
Southend United	12	5	0	0	15	4	1	1	5	6	13	19		
Sheffield United	12	4	1	1	10	5	1	2	3	4	9	18		
Huddersfield Town	12	4	3	0	18	5	0	2	3	2	8	17		
AFC Bournemouth	12	3	1	2	8	4	2	0	4	4	8	16		
Plymouth Argyle	12	4	0	2	7	6	1	1	4	7	16	16		
WIGAN ATHLETIC	12	4	0	2	14	7	1	0	5	10	16	15		
Chesterfield	12	2	1	3	8	6	2	1	3	6	9	14		
Preston North End	12	2	3	1	9	6	1	0	5	8	16	12		
Reading	12	3	2	1	11	7	0	1	5	10	20	12		
Millwall	12	3	2	1	10	8	0	1	5	4	13	12		
Wrexham	12	2	2	2	5	5	1	1	4	3	12	12		
Exeter City	12	2	2	2	12	11	1	1	4	5	16	12		
Walsall	12	2	1	3	5	8	0	3	3	7	15	10		
Orient	12	2	1	3	10	14	1	0	5	2	18	10		
Doncaster Rovers	12	2	3	1	21	17	0	0	6	3	15	9		

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to the Directors, Players and Supporters of Newport County, a club which has certainly changed for the better since I knew it in the Fourth Division, and now appear to be a very find side.

Unfortunately of late, we have been dogged by injuries to Graham Barrow, Eamon O'Keefe, Kevin Sheldon and Larry Lloyd. When players of this calibre are out of the side, our performances are bound to suffer as they have been. We now have eighteen professionals on our books and are running well over budget again, but it is impossible to run a Third Division side with a meagre staff if you want to end up as something other than also rans.

As I am penning these notes I am preparing for the club's A.G.M. and I look back on the past year as one which, although extremely expensive, did see us achieve a great deal. I repeat yet again, however, that we have to consolidate now and build steadily upwards.

Well, what about the City game then. Dear, oh dear, we do seem to be getting an unfair crack of the whip from

referees, don't we. After the Bristol fiasco a fortnight ago, on Wednesday we saw the most outrageous goal scored against us. 16,000 people saw quite clearly that John McMahon had been fouled, but the odds of 16,000 to 1 do not matter when the little man in the black suit decides otherwise. It continues to annoy me greatly that good games keep being marred by poor refereeing and by bad decisions which, at the moment, seem to always be against us. Let us hope that is not the case today and that we see an entertaining match.

Enjoy the game,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Freddie Pye". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 Eamon O'Keefe
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 David Glenn
- 8 Kevin Langley
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Archie Gemmill
- 12 John Butler

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. K.O. BARRATT
(Coventry)

Commenced refereeing in 1968 and progressed via the West Midlands League to the Football League List. Has refereed various local Cup Finals, including the West Midland League Premier Cup Final in 1980.

A married man, with two daughters, he is a maintenance machine tool foreman. Has been Secretary of Coventry Referees' Association for 7 years, and is also Secretary of a football competition organised for Referees' Associations' teams. For 2½ seasons was an amateur goalkeeper with Coventry City.

(Red Flag)
Mr. L.A. Howgate
(Wallasey)

(Yellow Flag)
Mr. J.A. Lewis
(Wrexham)

Linesmen:

FOR YOUR RECORDS

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F.T. SCORE:

ATTENDANCE:

SCORERS

LATICS:

VISITORS:



**NEWPORT
COUNTY**
(Amber/Black)

- 1 Mark Kendall
- 2 Vaughan Jones
- 3 John Relish
- 4 Neil Bailey
- 5 Keith Oakes
- 6 Kenny Stroud
- 7 Steve Lowndes
- 8 John Aldridge
- 9 Tommy Tynan
- 10 Nigel Vaughan
- 11 Karl Elsey
- 12 Dave Gwyther

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Saturday 13th November, 1982.
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Football League Division Three